

## CORSICA'S CAPITAL.

THE STRANGE AND INTERESTING  
OLD CITY OF AJACCIO.

Its Huge Oblong Houses—An Island of  
Great Forests, Snow-capped Hills and Olive  
Orchards—The Chestnut a Staple Food  
for Man and Beast.

The island of Corsica is most striking  
and imposing in its nature and scenery.  
A compact cluster of mountains, rising  
from the blue depths of the Mediter-  
ranean and uniting in a small space all  
the characteristics of mountainous re-  
gions, it may be considered as their epit-  
ome—a pocket edition of Switzerland or  
Norway. Only 120 miles from one end  
to the other, and about half as wide,  
it contains a magnificent chain of  
snow-capped heights, crowning a lofty  
plateau that embraces nearly the  
whole island. Monte Rotondo is 9,652  
feet high, Monte d'Oro 8,690, while Monte  
Cinto and others almost equal these. In-  
deed, some calculations have made  
Monte Cinto the highest. Beside those  
I have named I have just counted on the  
map seven peaks of about 7,000 feet each.  
Following the general plan of the earth's  
arrangement, as exemplified in Italy,  
Norway and our own country, the  
mountain chain runs nearly north and  
south, nearer to the western than to the  
eastern coast. To the west the declivity  
is more steep and abrupt, to the east  
more gentle, sloping down to alluvial  
plains, to the west the deep harbors and  
lofty promontories, to the east the more  
fertile and thickly inhabited regions.

### WHAT THE TREES ARE.

Not more than one-tenth of the soil is  
cultivated, but there are no deserts and  
but a small proportion of barren heights;  
the mild climate and humid air have  
wrapped the island in a robe of luxuriant  
forests. These forests are the pride and  
glory of Corsica and are quite unequalled  
in Europe. Chestnut trees grow in such  
abundance that their fruit forms the  
staple food of the inhabitants, eaten  
roasted or boiled during the season and  
ground into flour for preservation, chest-  
nut flour costing in the market only  
about half as much as wheat flour, and  
being used chiefly in the form of pellets,  
or porridge, though the natives boast of  
twenty-two different ways of cooking  
chestnuts. The nuts also serve as food  
for the horses and mules, and their  
cheapness and ease of production have  
done much to keep the native population  
in an indolent and degraded state, an ef-  
fect similar to that of the bananas and  
yams of the West Indies upon the people  
of those countries. The finest timber  
trees also abound—they supply most of  
the French and Italian navy yards and  
have been renowned from the most an-  
cient times, beech, pine, cork, larch and  
oak. One species of oak (*Quercus ilex*)  
which bears a small leaf like a holly,  
prickly at the edges, is especially valu-  
able. The wood is very dark, and so  
heavy that a cubic foot of it will weigh  
seventy pounds; the famous oak of  
Great Britain only weighing fifty-five  
pounds to the foot. There is one species  
of pine that formerly grew here so luxu-  
riantly that it was known as the tree of  
Corsica, and attained an enormous  
size, but unfortunately it is now almost  
extinct, in consequence of fires and care-  
less treatment. This wonderful forest  
region we have not yet seen, as it exists  
chiefly in the interior of the island,  
where there are counted forty-four  
forests belonging to private domains and  
167 belonging to the community. Near  
the shore the hills are almost entirely  
covered with olive groves, the valleys  
between them being laid out in fields  
and gardens, but everywhere, by the  
shore and inland, where there is nothing  
else, there is "maquis." This maquis,  
otherwise spelled "maki" and called  
scrub by the English, is really more like  
a jungle; a thick, interwoven growth of  
bush and tree, myrtle, arbutus, heath,  
oleander, scrub oak, prickly pear and a  
thousand other shrubs, forming an al-  
most impenetrable wilderness, which  
has played an important part in Corsi-  
can history and manners.

### OF RESPECTABLE ANTIQUITY.

Ajaccio lies curling along the edge of  
the bay of the same name, in the form  
of a horseshoe, the hills rising close be-  
hind it. It has but three or four good  
streets; sufficiently wide, but bordered  
with huge parallelograms of houses, all  
of the same pattern, like immense bricks  
or magnified dominoes, standing in rows  
from six to nine stories high, flat topped  
and dotted with small windows. Not  
joined in a continuous line, like the  
houses of New York or Philadelphia,  
but distinct, and about twice as long as  
they are wide. These houses are let out  
in flats, each flat being complete in it-  
self. The effect is very singular, and it  
is evident that the whole town was built  
at one time, otherwise some variety must  
have been inevitable. Such indeed was  
the fact, for although the city is said by  
its inhabitants to have been founded by  
Ajax, who gave it his name, and there-  
fore must be of a very respectable anti-  
quity, yet it has not always stood in this  
spot. At first it was built upon the hill;  
afterward farther along the shore, and it  
was only in the sixteenth century that  
the Genoese, then masters of the country,  
decided that it should stand here, and  
built its houses in the present pon-  
derous style. I suppose that it might  
never move again.—Cor. San Francisco  
Chronicle.

### Effects of Massage.

An anonymous writer in a medical  
journal gives the following description  
of massage: "Upon the nervous system  
massage exerts a delightful and at the  
same time a profoundly sedative and  
tonic effect. While it is being performed,  
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submit to it are in a blissful state of re-  
pose; they feel as if they were enjoying  
a long rest, or as if they had just returned  
from a long vacation; it makes optimists  
of them for the time being. An attitude  
of either rest or work generally follows,  
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mended by high authorities."—San Fran-  
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